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From: Easterling, Deborah
Sent: Thursday, March 08, 2018 12:37 PM
To: 'Mason Lee'
Subject: RE: Palmetto Utilities Order 2017-228-S

Dear Mr. Lee,

This is to acknowledge receipt of your Letter of Protest/Comments to the Public Service Commission of South Carolina. Your Letter of Protest/Comments will be placed in the Protest File of the Docket listed below and on the Commission's Website at www.psc.sc.gov.

- Docket No. 2017-228-S - Application of Palmetto Utilities, Incorporated for Adjustment of Rates and Charges for Customers in the Palmetto Utilities and Palmetto of Richland County Service Areas

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If we may be of further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

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From: Mason Lee [mailto:mason.lee@psc.sc.gov]
Sent: Thursday, March 08, 2018 12:31 PM
To: PSC_Contact <Contact@psc.sc.gov>
Subject: Palmetto Utilities Order 2017-228-S

Commissioners,

After ORS, hundreds of rate payers and even state representative pleas to increase developer fees to offset the burden to customers, you have chosen to continue to favor utilities over citizens. It is disgusting you would have customers who have no choice in their service provider fund incentives for developers. According to testimony by the utility, the fees they proposed do not come close to covering the actual cost of adding a new customer. The argument is that growth benefits everyone. Tell me, commissioners, what is to become of the rate after another 3 years of growth for which the utility is not collecting enough money to offset the cost? At what point will you decide that the customers have born enough, and actually provide them with the benefits this growth is supposed to provide us?

No one has suggested keeping the rates separate. However the rates set for both PRC territory and PUI territory need to be more inline with what it actually costs the utility to onboard a new neighborhood.

Sincerely,

Mason Lee

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